

Supplementary Figure 1: Structure of the $Ar^{invflox(ex1-neo)Y}$ locus. (A) The wild-type Ar locus where splicing occurs normally between exons 1 and 2. (B) The $Ar^{invflox(ex1-neo)}$ locus produces a hypomorphic Ar phenotype because of reduced AR protein. The reduction in AR protein is the result of a cryptic splice acceptor within the *neomycin resistance* cassette (Neo^R) within intron 1 of Ar , generating a truncated transcript. When the CRE recombinase is supplied via a transgenic construct, the sequences between the *loxP* sites (gray triangles) is inverted, leading to disruption of the Ar locus and a null Ar phenotype. The null allele generated with CRE recombinase was not used in the course of this study but is described in (19).

